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TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, NELSON A), IN

SUBJECT: ROCKEFELLER VISIT: AVIATION CLEARANCES

REF: STATE 75091

- 1. REFTEL CONTAINS DATA ON AIRCRAFT, CREW AND PASSENGERS WHICH WILL BE HELPFUL TO EMBASSY FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION. IN THE ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS, WE ARE NOT RPT NOT SUBMITTING FLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUEST TO CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES AND ASSUME THAT THIS WILL BE DONE BY AIRCRAFT OPERATORS.
- 2. DEPARTMENT SHOULD INFORM GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S OFFICE, HOWEVER, THAT SRINAGAR IS NOT AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT GOI WILL APPROVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LANDING IN THAT CITY FOR FLIGHT ORIGINATING AT FOREIGN POINT OF DEPARTURE.

3. ROCKEFELLER OFFICE SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED THAT ONLY AIR ROUTE INTO NORTHERN INDIA FROM THE WEST OPEN TO ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IS CORRIDOR FROM KARACHI TO NEW DELHI. CLEARANCE FOR LAHORE-NEW DELHI

CORRIDOR (NOW FLOWN ONLY BY SCHEDULED FLIGHTS OF COMMERCIAL AIRLINES OF INDIA, PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN) MIGHT BE OBTAINED FROM INDIAN AUTHORITIES ON AN EXCEPTIONAL BASIS WITH ADEQUATE LEAD-TIME (DEFENSE AND HOME MINISTRIES HAVE TO APPROVE). WE UNDERSTAND SPECIAL CLEARANCE FORM PAKISTAN ALSO REQUIRED FOR LAHORE-NEW DELHI ROUTE. IT ALSO APPEARES TO US VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE THAT GOI WOULD APPROVE FLIGHT OVER DISPUTED BORDE FROM PAKISTAN INTO KASHMIR WHICH SCHEDULE IN REFTEL IMPLIES. GOHEEN UNQUOTE COOPER

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